

SIEC Briefing Paper on State Inventory

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Description

Pursuant to the legislation establishing the State Interoperability Executive Committee an inventory of all state-operated public safety radio systems is due to the legislature by December 31, 2003.

A draft of the required inventory will be discussed and subject to your approval will be forwarded to the Information Services Board and thereafter the legislature.

Recommendations to the Committee

Staff recommends the following:

- Approval of the SIEC state-operated radio system inventory.
- Approve the final copy being sent to the legislature.

Status

The inventory has been reviewed by staff and is in a draft form until such time as it is approved by the SIEC.

Issues

The legislative committees (JLARC and LEAP) requested additional financial information from state agencies. Initial efforts to collect this data using CAMS proved problematic with CAMS information significantly understating the value of state radio assets. Every attempt to collect this information was made, and is included in the draft survey. To more accurately estimate the value of state assets, staff have collected the cost of the various systems and numbers of systems to form the basis of a more accurate estimate.

As we begin to survey local government agencies we also anticipate difficulty collecting financial data on local radio assets. Staff have had several discussions with LEAP and ACCIS to determine the best approach to obtain this information.

Background

The inventories were sent to state agencies during the last week of September. All state agencies completed the surveys by November 5. According to an informal poll of agencies responding, the average time required to fill out the survey was less than one hour. The state agency inventory was also a learning experience to determine areas where there were unforeseen problems or where questions occurred. When the local government survey is distributed, a cover letter will explain the areas that seemed to be problematic.